

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 573

By Ferguson

A RESOLUTION to commend Judge E. Eugene Eblen for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, E. Eugene Eblen is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary forty-year tenure as a general sessions court judge for Roane County and a criminal court judge for the 9th Judicial District, Eugene Eblen has distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Eblen was recently the honoree for the Roane County Lincoln Day “family reunion;” Lincoln Day is an annual fundraising event sponsored by the Roane County Republican Party, and was specially dedicated this year to giving due tribute to Judge Eblen and bringing Republicans together; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of South Harriman High School, for which he was instrumental in forming and serving as President of the Alumni Association, Eugene Eblen earned his Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree from the University of Tennessee Law School; he also served our country in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a vital member of the community, Judge Eblen is a former President of the Kingston Jaycees and received the State Jaycee Distinguished Service Award; he is also a 32nd Degree Mason and a Scottish Rite and Kerbela Temple Shriner; and

WHEREAS, Judge Eblen has devoted much of his time and many talents to the Roane County area, serving as Chairman of the Roane County Industrial Development Board for three

years and standing as a charter member of the Roane State Community College Foundation; he also served as a part-time instructor at the college for seven years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Eblen's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Judge Eblen is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant, and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Eugene Eblen is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Jerry Rosser Eblen; his sons, Dwight and Charles; his stepson, Travis Hall; and his six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, E. Eugene Eblen is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor Judge E. Eugene Eblen for his many contributions to the Roane County area and our State, congratulate him upon being honored at the Roane County Lincoln Day family reunion, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.